GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Reservation for SC/ST/OBC in NET
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision for fifty per cent reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Castes (OBCs) candidates appearing in National Eligibility Test (NET) and fifty five per cent marks are required for the candidates belonging to the said categories at the time of direct recruitment of teachers and if so, the reasons therefor;
(b) whether the Government proposes to issue directives to make provision of fifty per cent marks for SC, ST and OBC candidates at both the places viz. NET SET and direct recruitment of teachers to provide benefit to them;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the percentage of OBCs in the Central Institutes is very low in comparison to others; and
(e) whether the Government proposes to take steps to improve the said percentage and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a): The Other Backward Classes(OBC) belonging to non-creamy layer/Scheduled Caste(SC)/Scheduled Tribe(ST) / persons with disability (PWD) category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination are eligible for National Eligibility Test. In each UGC-NET examination, Junior Research Fellowships are allocated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as per the extant Government of India Reservation Policy i.e. 27% for OBCs, 15% for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 3% for the persons with disabilities.
University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) (4th Amendment), Regulations, 2016 provide for a relaxation of 5%, to the minimum eligibility marks of 55%, at the Graduate and Masters level for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Differently-abled (physically and visually differently-abled) /Other Backward Classes (OBC) (Non-creamy layer) categories for direct recruitment of teachers.
(b) to (e) State Eligibility Test (SET) for eligibility for Assistant Professor is conducted on the pattern of UGC-NET. The eligibility conditions and qualifying criteria for different categories of candidates should be on the lines of the UGC-NET.
The incidence and filling up of vacancies in Central Universities (CUs) is an ongoing and continuous process. The onus of filling up of posts, including those belonging to reserved category, lies with the CUs which are autonomous bodies created under the respective Acts of Parliament.
UGC has issued instructions from time to time to all CUs for (i) implementation of SC/ST/OBC/ PwD reservation policy of the Govt. of India / UGC (ii) strict compliance of reservation policy, (iii) display of reservation roster on University website and (iv) filling up of remaining identified backlog reserved vacancies of these categories in teaching and non-teaching posts.
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